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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, the claims were subjected to an election of species requirement. According to the Examiner:

Species I relates to FIG. 3;

Species II relates to FIG. 9;

Species III relates to FIG. 11; and

Species IV relates to FIG. 14.

Applicant elects, with traverse Species I. Claims 1-36 are readable thereon and as such all claims are elected.

The Examiner has not identified distinct species. For example, FIG. 14 is indicated to be a cross sectional view of FIG. 3 and is thus, not a species distinct from that of FIG. 3. Furthermore, the physical characteristics relating to the "guard" or "gripping surface" are broadly relevant to the various embodiments as claimed and do not serve to exclude claims from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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